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**December 4, 1969**

**TO: Secretary Rogers**  
**FROM: Henry A. Kissinger**

**The following message was just received from Ambassador**

**Bunker:**

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State Dept. review completed

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER FROM  
BUNKER

REF: WH93049

1. I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED  
REFTEL AND WILL FOLLOW UP AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. MY ASSESSMENT  
OF BOTH DON'S AND MINH'S GAMBITS IS THAT THEY HAVE PRETTY WELL  
FIZZLED OUT AND LEFT BOTH OF THEM IN A RATHER EMBARRASSING POSITION.  
THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WILL NOT TRY AGAIN SHOULD  
THEY BELIEVE CIRCUMSTANCES PROPITIOUS. IT IS, THEREFORE, HIGHLY  
DESIRABLE THAT THEY SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS AS TO WHERE WE  
STAND.

2. KY ALSO PERIODICALLY GIVES VENT TO HIS FEELINGS OF FRUSTRATION.  
IT WILL BE DESIRABLE TO CONVEY THE SAME THOUGHTS TO HIM.

3. I SHOULD ADD THAT I HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE IT CLEAR, BOTH IN  
POLITICAL AND MILITARY CIRCLES, THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT  
COUNTENANCE ANY COUP EFFORTS, AND THAT AN EFFORT TO MOUNT ONE  
WOULD BE THE SUREST WAY TO LOSE OUR SUPPORT.

/S/ BUNKER.

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